

Montana Land Cover Atlas

3510 Mesic Shrub - Grassland Associations

DOMINANT SPECIES

Grass:

Bluebunch Wheatgrass (*Agropyron spicatum*)

Bluestem (*Andropogon spp.*)

Fescue (*Festuca spp.*)

Needle & Thread grass (*Stipa comata*)

Threadleaf Sedge (*Carex filifolia*)

Western Wheatgrass (*Agropyron smithii*)

Shrubs:

Buffalo Berry (*Shepherdia argentea*)

Snowberry (*Symphoricarpos spp.*)

Sumac (*Rhus spp.*)



DESCRIPTION

Mesic shrub-grassland associations with codominance between the shrub and grass species. Shrub and grass cover ranges from 10-50%. Found on moist sites usually between pure grass or shrub dominated regions.

TOTAL AREA

280,075 hectares

64,714 patches

0.74 % of state

ELEVATION

573 - 2424 m range

1043 m mean

STATE RANGE

Occurs primarily in central and eastern Montana valleys and some low mountain slopes.

